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JANUARY 27, 1847.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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Mr. G. S. HOUSTON, from the Committee of Ways and Means,  
reported the following bill :

## **A BILL**

Making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby, ap-  
4       propriated for the service of the Post Office Department for the  
5       year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight,  
6       out of any moneys in the treasury arising from the revenues of  
7       the said department in conformity to the act of the second of  
8       July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, namely :

9       For transportation of the mails within the United States,  
10      two million four hundred and forty-one thousand, three hundred  
11      and ninety-one dollars.

12      For transportation by steam-ships between New York and  
13      Bremen, according to the contract with Edward Mills, author-

14 ized by the act to provide for the transportation of the mail be-  
15 tween the United States and foreign countries, approved March  
16 third, eighteen hundred and forty-five, two hundred and fifty-  
16 eight thousand six hundred and nine dollars.

17 For compensation to postmasters, one million and forty-two  
18 thousand dollars.

19 For ship, steamboat, and way letters, seventeen thousand  
20 dollars.

21 For wrapping paper, sixteen thousand dollars.

22 For office furniture (for the offices of postmasters) three  
22 thousand dollars.

23 For advertising, thirty thousand dollars.

24 For mail bags, twenty thousand dollars.

25 For blanks, seventeen thousand dollars.

26 For mail locks, keys, and stamps, four thousand dollars.

27 For mail depredations and special agents, thirteen thousand  
28 dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster General be, and he is  
29 hereby, authorized to employ, when the service may require it,  
30 the assistant postmasters general as special agents, and to make them  
31 compensation and allowance therefor to an amount which, to-  
32 gether with their respective salaries, shall not, in the whole, ex-  
33 ceed the sum of three thousand dollars per annum.

34 For clerks for offices, (in the offices of postmasters) two  
35 hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

36 For miscellaneous, fifty thousand dollars.

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in case the reve-  
2        nues of the department referred to in the first section of this  
3        act shall prove insufficient to meet the foregoing appropriations,  
4        then any deficiency that may thus arise shall be paid out of any  
5        moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.